

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 19, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 19, 1834.

My dear Andrew, I have to night received your kind welcome letter of the 10th advising that you are all well and that sarah and the dear little ones would leave you with Major Lewis on the 12th instant to come to me. I trust in a kind providence that he will preserve them from sickness or accident, and that they will join me in safety and in health, when my dear Andrew I will watch over them with a fathers care untill it will be convenient for you to unite with them, which I trust in the superintendant care of a kind and gracious providence that it will not be long. This seperation my son from your dear sarah and your lovely little children must be a great bereavement, but I think a necessary one for our dear sarahs health. the change of air, and the amusement of her mind by the travel will restore her I hope, if her seperation from you does not pray upon her mind too much which after she reaches me, I will endeavour to prevent. We have had a few days past a severe snow storm which cleared up warm and to day has been pleasant but I shall be uneasy until they reach me, fearful of another snow storm, but my prayers are nightly offered up for their safety, and under his care they are safe, and I am sure Major Lewis will take as great care of them as you or I would, were we with them. I trust in god they will reach me in health and safety. I hope to see them here in three or four days at farthest. I will write you on their arrival.

So soon as you enter into the contract for the repair and building of the House, and I am advised of the sum to be given and the time in which it is to be paid, I will be able to make a minute calculation of my means to meet it and advise you thereof. I have given

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you authority, if necessary, to draw upon me for fifteen (1500) hundred dollars in part for the House. I have named this to Col Armstrong also. This is as much as I can spare at present, the ballance when the work is done. If you should want any to pay the hands for sawing the scantlin and sheeting you will have to sell a bill on me for the amount, which you can readily do to Mr. Hill or Mr. Nichol.

I am happy to hear that the cotton is turning out better than you named to me in your last letter—if it yields thirty thousand baled cotton for markett it will with my other means meet all our engagements. the earlier it gets to markett I think the better. good cotton is now selling from fifteen to sixteen cents and if we can get 13 ½ cents or 12 ½ cents neat at Neworleans it will, with my own means clear us of debt. I mean it will enable me to meet all engagements and pay for your land to Mr Hill which I wish to do and leave you clear of debt, should any accident happen to me, which I am anxious to do. I have requested in my last that you give me as early information as you can the exact amount of the cotton and all debts against the family and farm, as I intend to pay Mr. Hills debt when it becomes due, which I think is the first of January next.

My son, do not let the seperation from sarah dwell too much upon your mind. I will take care of her, and the dear little ones, and write you often and Sarah will write you too. I wish you to visit, if you can, the land in the western district and know its quality, and be sure to enquire and see whether the tax has been paid. after you make the arrangements about the farm and rebuilding of the House and cotton shipped to markett perhaps you can go and have the title papers recorded, and explore the land, and have the Taxes paid, and when you return a few days will be sufficient for you to make the arrangements with Mr Hobbs about the farm, and then join us here. I wish you to ginn Major Donelson cotton for him as soon as yours is finished. I have reasons for this request, which, when I see you I will communicate. Let it be ginned without toll, his own hands will bale it, you had better change a hand with him, that is Squire who understands the press and will do it without

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injury to the screw. I will write you as often as I can and will expect to hear from you often.
may god bless and protect you until we meet you

yr affectionate father